

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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5 A user-friendly, image forming apparatus capable of reducing operation errors by users provides a permission to change a print mode to the staple print mode when the device is placed in the original mixed mode and the image data of originals all have a same length in the main scanning direction. When the image data also have a same length in a subscanning direction, the apparatus provides a permission to change the current print mode to the

10 economy print mode and the two-side print mode. Only a print mode which is permitted as an optional print mode is displayed on a screen on the liquid crystal touch panel.